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P&G Case 6823D

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In the application of:

ELDER ET AL.

Serial No.: 10/027,295

Filed: December 20, 2001

: Confirmation No.: 1812

: Group Art Unit: 3761

: Examiner

For: ABSORBENT ARTICLE AND METHOD FOR MAINTAINING OR
IMPROVING SKIN HEALTH

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, record is being made below in a Form PTO/SB08 of documents which the Patent Office may wish to consider in connection with examination of the above-identified patent application. It is respectfully requested that the cited documents be carefully considered by the Examiner and made of record in this case. As provided in §1.97(g), no representation is made or intended that a thorough art search was made. As provided in 37 C.F.R. §1.97(h), this Information Disclosure Statement does not constitute an admission of any kind, and specifically is not an admission that the documents listed on attached form PTO/SB08 are, or are considered to be, material to the patentability of the above-identified patent application, as defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(b).

1. ☒ 37 C.F.R. §1.97 (b)(1) - **U.S. Direct (within 3-months of filing a regular application or converted provisional)**

This information disclosure statement, submitted under 37 C.F.R. §1.97 (b)(1), is being filed within three months of the filing date of a national application. Therefore, no fee is believed to be due.

2. ☐ 37 C.F.R. §1.97 (b)(2) - **Via PCT (within 3 mo. of Nat'l Stage Entry)**

This information disclosure statement, submitted under 37 C.F.R. §1.97 (b)(2), is being filed within three months of the date of entry of the national stage as set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.491 in an international application. Therefore, no fee is believed to be due.

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3. ☐ 37 C.F.R. §1.97 (b)(3) - (>3 mo. after filing direct or nat'l stage entry, but before 1st O.A.)

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THE FOLLOWING IS ADDITIONAL INFORMATION PERTAINING TO (2) OR (3) MARKED WITH AN (X) ABOVE.

(a) ☐ The Notification of Acceptance of this Application Under 35 U.S.C. §371 indicates that both a copy of the International Search Report and copies of the references cited therein are present in the national stage file. In accordance with MPEP §1893.03(g), it is respectfully requested that the Examiner note the consideration of these references in the first Office Action via the PTO-892 form.

(b) ☐ The Notification of Acceptance of this Application Under 35 U.S.C. §371 indicates that a copy of the International Search Report is present in the national stage file. Copies of the references cited in that report are enclosed.

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4. ☐ 37 C.F.R. §1.97 (b)(4) - (before the mailing of a first Office Action after the filing of a request for continued examination under §1.114)

This information disclosure statement, submitted under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(4), is being filed with the Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114.

5. ☐ Information to be Considered with CPA Filing. This information disclosure statement is being filed with a Continued Prosecution Application (CPA) filed under 37 CFR 1.53(d).

6. ☐ 37 C.F.R. §1.97(c) with fee payment - (use after 1st Office Action & before Final Office Action or Notice of Allowance)

This information disclosure statement is being submitted under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(c). Applicant(s) have not received a final action under 37 C.F.R. §1.113, a notice of allowance under 37 C.F.R. §1.311, or an action that otherwise closes prosecution in the application (e.g., *Ex parte Quayle*) as of the date of this

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ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO BE NOTED BY THE EXAMINER:

☒ Copies of references were previously cited by and submitted to the USPTO in prior application Case No. 6823, U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/926,532, filed September 10, 1997. Applicants claim priority to said application under 35 U.S.C. §120. Accordingly, copies of those documents are not provided with this Statement, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.98(d). Copies of Forms PTO-1449 previously submitted in Case 6823 are enclosed.

Copies of references in addition to those identified above are enclosed.

It is respectfully requested that all the cited documents be carefully considered by the Examiner and made of record in this case.

☐ Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.98(c), a concise explanation of the relevance of each cited reference that is not in the English language is provided.

☐ Applicants also respectfully request the Examiner to consider and make of record the copending applications listed on the attached page.

☐ Additional information is attached.

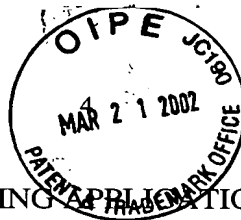
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7041L	09/041,509	McOsker et al.	03/12/1998
7042	09/041,232	Rourke et al.	03/12/1998
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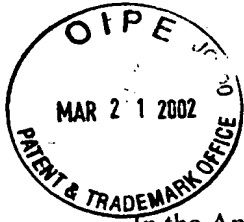
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Attached is Form PTO-1449 listing documents which the Examiner may wish to consider in connection with examination of the above-identified patent application. Copies of the cited documents are attached. It is respectfully requested that the attached documents be carefully considered by the Examiner and made of record in this case.

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Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.98(c), English translations of non-English documents listed in the form PTO-1449 are enclosed. While the enclosed translations are believed to be proper, Applicants make no warranty as to their accuracy. In view of MPEP 609 (p. 92-93), submissions of these translations satisfy the "concise explanation" requirement of 37 CFR 1.98(a)(3).

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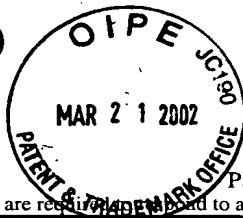
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	2	US-3,464,413	09/02/1969	Goldfarb et al.	
	3	US-3,490,454	01/20/1970	Goldfarb et al.	
	4	US-3,860,003	01/14/1975	Buell	
	5	US-3,902,493	09/02/1975	Baier et al.	
	6	US-3,920,015	11/18/1975	Wortham	
	7	US-3,935,862	02/03/1976	Kraskin	
	8	US-4,034,077	07/05/1977	Hill et al.	
	9	US-4,112,167	09/05/1978	Dake et al.	
	10	US-4,138,416	02/06/1979	Koresawa et al.	
	11	US-4,324,247	04/13/1982	Aziz	
	12	US-4,513,051	04/23/1985	Lavash	
	13	US-4,657,537	04/14/1987	Zimmerer	
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	16	EP 0 631 768 A1	01/04/1995	Plischke et al.		
	17	EP 0 692 263 A2	01/17/1996	Lichstein		
	18	EP 0 776 654 A1	06/04/1997	Baines et al.		
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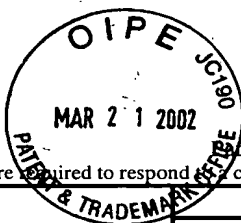
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	24	US-4,882,204		11/21/1989	Tenenbaum	
	25	US-4,900,317		02/13/1990	Buell	
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	31	US-4,979,300		12/25/1990	Blank et al.	
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	38	US-5,102,597		04/07/1992	Roe et al.	
	39	US-5,194,261		03/16/1993	Pichierri	
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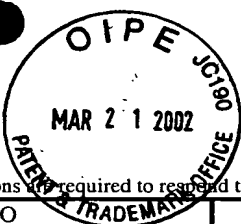
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